



The Humane Society of Randolph County



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Supporting the Animal Shelter

The HSRC recognizes the importance of the job performed by the hardworking staff of the Randolph County Animal Shelter. Staff members have expressed their desire to learn more about animal medical care to be able to help them in their job.

The HSRC purchased a pet first aid book for the animal shelter. One of our members presented a program on emergency pet first aid to the animal shelter staff, utilizing the resuscitation cat and dog the HSRC and Canine Corps purchased for the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

THANKS ALLY!!

Ally Thomas, trainer from Thomas School for the Dogs in Randleman has offered training to dogs adopted from the HSRC. The 7 wk. group class is donated by Ally, and would otherwise cost \$100. This has been a great service for dogs and owners. A very excited lab puppy recently completed classes making her more adoptable and able to find a great home. Thanks again for offering this valuable service to us!

The Humane Society decides on a new focus

In August 2001, Mr. Richard Brooks (Relay for Life chairperson) was invited to a Humane Society of Randolph County (HSRC) meeting to discuss with our members his experience regarding fundraising and non-profit organizations.

Following that meeting, HSRC members held a brainstorming session regarding the current status and the future of the HSRC. Almost every member agreed that our primary focus for the HSRC should be decreasing pet overpopulation. This can only be accomplished by encouraging residents of Randolph County to spay and neuter their pets. To achieve this goal, we have changed the 629-PETS information hotline to an automated system. This allows our members to devote more of their valuable volunteer time to the direction of decreasing pet overpopulation.

We have also increased the amount of spay/neuter assistance that we provide for the public to \$50.00 per female dog, \$40.00 per male dog, \$35.00 per female cat, \$30.00 per male cat, no more than half of the cost.

To assist in funding our spay/neuter program, we have increased our adoption fees for our rescued and rehabilitated animals to \$50.00 for cats and \$75.00 for dogs. And, of course, no animal will leave our foster care program until it is spayed or neutered.

Future plans include persuading a mobile spay/neuter clinic to come to Randolph County for a day to provide as many low cost spay/neuters as possible.

We hope that all members of HSRC will support the new focus of our group and assist our active members in any way that they are able. As always, everyone is invited to our meetings held monthly on the 3rd Monday at 7:00 pm, usually at the Asheboro Public Library.

HUMANE SOCIETY WISH LIST

1. VOLUNTEERS
2. FIRST CLASS STAMPS
3. CAT FOOD
4. GIFT CERTIFICATES TO BE USED AS RAFFLE PRIZES
5. HUMANE ANIMAL TRAPS

CAT FANCY QUIZ

True or False

1. All kittens have blue eyes until they are three weeks old.
2. A steady diet of dog food can cause your cat to go blind.
3. Cats don't walk on their whole feet, only on their toes.
4. Cats can only recognize their owners footsteps 20 ft away.

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New And Improved Website

One of our members, Christine Myers has graciously volunteered to take over the management of our website (www.asheboronc.net/~hsrc). Now changes in the status of adoptable animals can be almost instantly reflected on our webpage. There has been a steadily increasing number of animal adoptions due to our improved webpage. The number of visitors to our webpage has also increased dramatically.

Basic information about the HSRC, information on upcoming events, adoption stories, and links to other rescue groups can be accessed from our site.

Christine also added all important forms to the site which allows foster families, potential adoptors and persons requesting spay/neuter assistance to print the forms right from the website. This saves time and money for the society.

So please, visit it next time you surf. And thanks a bunch Christine!!

Adoptions

Since our last newsletter was published, these lucky dogs and cats have found new homes with loving families.

Oliver	Alvin
Midge/Maple	Ike
Aimee	Pickles
Beau	Dancer
Jordon	Duchess
Miracle	Gizmo
Aloni	Joshua
Hank	Abbi/Alli
Cleo	Polly
Jack	Cocoa
Blizzard	Cleo
Suzie	

Spay and Neuter Assistance grows

Approximately 85 Randolph County Residents received financial assistance for the spaying or neutering of their pets in 2001. As you saw earlier, we have increased the Humane Society's contribution to the assistance. And, as mentioned before, we are trying to make Spaying and Neutering a larger focus of the Humane Society. Studies have found that the number of animals euthanized in shelters across the country grows despite the increase of "no-kill" shelters and animal organizations. Attacking the cause of pet over-population is the solution.

Look for future information regarding spay and neuter clinics. Volunteers will be needed when this goal comes to fruition, so please let us know if you would be interested in assisting.

Cat Traps Available to community

The Humane Society has purchased 4 cat traps. They are located at Fork Creek Mill Pottery in Seagrove, Blue Flint Animal Hospital and Asheboro Animal Hospital. They are available to whomever might need one for a \$25 deposit. They have been helpful in the trapping, neutering and release of feral cats.

Future Events

Dogfest, April 21st, 1:00-6:00 pm

sponsored by

Canine Corps

Level Cross Community Center

DONATIONS AND MEMORIALS

- Jimmy Hill
- James and Gloria Maness
- Anne Telgarez
- Asheboro Animal Hospital
- Neil and Linda Purdy
- Patricia Hendrick
- Rebecca Moore
- Betty Bumgarner
- Don and Wanda Mintz
- Sam and Marjorie Rankin
- Grady and Nicole Catherwood
- 4-H homeschool group
- Linda Johnson
- Judy Colburn

IN MEMORY

- By the many, many friends and family of Theresa Harris for their generous donations in her memory
- In memory of "Pepper"
- In memory of "Pookie"

The Humane Society of Randolph County welcomes your tax-deductible contributions. If you wish to make a donation in honor or memory of a special friend or pet, a card will be sent to the address specified in your request.

Wal-Mart donates dog houses

Wal-Mart held a training session for employees assembling a dog house at both the Asheboro and Randleman locations. Customers' children were invited to decorate these dog houses. The HSRC gratefully acknowledges Wal-Mart and its employees for the donation of these two dog houses.

Special thanks to our businesses with HSRC donation boxes:

Asheboro Animal Hospital
Fork Creek Mill Pottery
Weston's Feed and Seed

HSRC shares the bounty with Happy Hills

The Humane Society invited representatives of the Happy Hills Animal Foundation, located in Staley, NC, to visit our February meeting. We discussed sharing a link to their website from ours and using them as a contact on our petline. The HSRC had an abundance of puppy and dog food. Since Happy Hills has a considerable larger amount of animals of foster care, we decided to share our food supply with them. We appreciate the service they do for animals in our county.

Answers to cat quiz

1. true
2. true - dog food lacks taurine, essential for cats for good eyesite.
3. true - that is what makes them walk so quietly.
4. false - cats can hear hundreds of feet away.

Watch for the Spay/Neuter postage stamp

Top Ten Reasons Why it is Wonderful

To Be A Dog.....

1. No one expects you to take a bath every day.
2. If it itches, you can scratch it.
3. There's no such thing as bad food.
4. A rawhide bone can entertain you for hours.
5. If you grow hair in weird places, no one notices.
6. You can lie around all day without worrying about being fired.
7. You don't get in trouble for putting your head into a strangers' lap.
8. You're always excited to see the same people.
9. Having big feet is considered an asset.
10. Puppy love can last.

A DOG'S MUST DO LIST

Things I **MUST** remember as a dog:

1. The garbage collector is not stealing our stuff.
2. I do not need to suddenly stand straight up when I'm lying under the coffee table.
3. I will not roll my toys behind the fridge, behind the sofa or under the bed.
4. I must shake the rainwater out of my fur before entering the house.
5. I will not eat the cats' food, before they eat it or after they throw it up.
6. I will stop trying to find the few remaining pieces of clean carpet in the house when I am about to get sick.
7. I will not throw up in the car.
8. I will not roll on dead seagulls, fish, crabs, etc. just because I like the way they smell.
9. "Kitty box crunchies," although they are tasty, are not food.
10. The diaper pail is not a cookie jar.

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